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Instalment received on New Shares, 2,074,744.75.
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Offices of the Corporation,
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Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 372

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GONZALVES and **MR. AUGUSTO JOSE ROZARIO** have this day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1884. 383

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES is authorized to Sign our Name by Procuration, in Hongkong, from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1884. 528

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

IN future a LAUNCH will meet all the Northern, inward, and out-going Mail Steamers, (and others when required) to convey PASSENGERS and their BAGGAGE to and from the Poddar's Wharf.

For the convenience of GUESTS, the Hotel Steamers will be made, for which a charge will be made.

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Double ".....30 " " "
Baggage.....10 " per Package.
Books containing Twenty-five return Tickets are issued at \$5.00 by the Under- signed.

HENRY ST. CLAIR GREELEY,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 25, 1884. 535

ROBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITION as applied to Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Douglas Steamship Company; The Japanese Government; Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila, EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of TWO POUNDS STERLING per SHARE of \$125, and ONE POUND and FIVE SHILLINGS STERLING per NEW SHARE of \$100, is PAYABLE on and after FRIDAY, the 29th February current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 371

Intimations.

NOTICE.

C. L. THEVENIN'S WINE and SPIRIT STORE has, from this date, been temporarily REMOVED to No. 4, PRINCE'S HILL.

Hongkong, March 25, 1884. 542

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company are requested to send in a STATEMENT of the amount of their contribution during the Half-Year ended December 31st, 1883, on or before March 31st next, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 357

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been newly furnished throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

THE TABLE will be supplied with the BEST of the market can produce.

THE WINE and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as "TIPPINS and DINNERS," can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages through to LONDON via Marseilles, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., \$380.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., \$355.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 455

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS are informed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24 hours, and at VENICE to 2 days, performed on board the Steamer at both ports.

QUARANTINE will probably be removed from all ports by the time Steamers now leaving CHINA will arrive in the MEDITERRANEAN.

PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 169

AT HAIPHONG.

A LOUER OU A VENDRE UN TERRAIN VOISIN DU CONSULAT de 100 mètres de long, 200 mètres de large, avec deux maisons et dépendances, etc.

Plus un terrain sur la rive du canal servant de marché, longueur 80 yards, profondeur 4 yards.

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MR. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, March 12, 1884. 447

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been instructed by the "SANTITAS" COMPANY, LIMITED, of London, with the exclusive SALE of their MANUFACTURES in Hongkong, MACAO and CANTON, and begs to inform the Public that the said Company will not accept Indents from the above-named places unless received through the Undersigned.

E. F. DE SOUZA,

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 365

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as Secretary of the above Company until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 25, 1884. 340

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call of its equivalent in the Currency of the above-named places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOUSERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/8d. or \$53.93 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 per Cent. annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1121

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 457

SAYLE & Co.

EX 'GLENCOE.'

LADIES' GIRLS' AND BOYS' WHITE AND COLOURED STRAW HATS.

SPECIALITIES IN FANCY STRIPED TENNIS FLANNELS.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, March 18, 1884. 487

Intimations.

HOP SHING & Co.,

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HAVING THIS Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake WORK of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced EUROPEAN.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883. 611

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

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THE RAILWAY TICKETS will be obtainable from the Company's Office, at MARSEILLES.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 551

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PRINCE CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

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Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, March 22, 1884. 516

"PARSEE VILLA," ROBINSON ROAD, and No. 56, PRINCE STREET. Possession from 1st March.

Apply to

DORABEE NOWROOJE,
Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, February 22, 1884. 335

GODDONS-TO-LET.

PRINCE EAST AND WANGHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SLEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 797

TO BE LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE in one of the TERRACES.

For Particulars, address

J. D. B.,
c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 547

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs.

RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

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FOR SALE.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 1177

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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CHOY CHEW,
230, PRINCE WEST.

Hongkong, June 18, 1883. 1270

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 31st March, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSORTMENT OF

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1884. 500

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. GUEDES has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

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Premises,—All that

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate in

QUEEN'S ROAD and JERVOIS STREET, comprising:—

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND measuring on the North, 18 feet; on the South, 10 feet; on the East, 79 feet; and on the West, 76 feet; registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 1914, and held for the residue of the term of 75 years at the Yearly Rental of £4.5.0.

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Together with the CHAPEL and other BUILDINGS thereon respectively and the APPURTENANCES.

The Premises will be sold subject to printed Conditions, for which and for Further Particulars application may be made to

DANIEL E. CALDWELL,
Solicitor for the Vendors,

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J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 25, 188

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There were no cases of public interest at the Police Court this morning. A painter named Chun Kwai, who was found acting as watchman for a party of street gamblers, was sent to gaol for fourteen days, with hard labour, on a finding of unlawfully obstructing the police in the execution of

THE Lynch Family, Beltingers, will give their last performance in the Colony at the Theatre Royal to-night, prior to their departure for Yokohama by the *Kashgar*. An entirely new programme is promised,

and, judging from its contents, it will be fully equal to those the Company have already presented. 'Dr. Brown's Dispensary' will wind up the performance.

Judging from some views of North Borneo scenery, which have been brought to our

office for inspection, the country can boast of some most luxuriant vegetation. Photographs of grander tropical vegetation we have never seen, and one must conclude that a country capable of offering such foliage and timber in its wild state must

possess a rich soil. _____

WE note that Obok, in the Gulf of Aden, over which, a recent telegram informed us, France has decided to exercise sovereignty, was purchased by the French Government in 1859. A propos of France seizing some

island or port as a guarantee for the payment of an indemnity by China, there is a rumour, which comes up from Tonquin, that Nanking would most likely be the place occupied, if it was deemed necessary to hold some large city on the mainland. If this

BETWEEN 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon a serious fracas took place in house No. 38 Praya West. A man named Yeung

Su Lim, recently arrived from one of the Coast Ports, while apparently in a state of frenzy, made an onslaught with a razor upon a number of men who were in the same house, and before he could be overpowered, inflicted some very serious wounds upon several of them. The

rested and brought to the Central Station, where he behaved quietly. The wounded men, of whom there are in all ten, were sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where seven of them still remain, the others being discharged after their wounds had

been dressed. The prisoner was brought before Mr Wodehouse this morning but no evidence was taken, the case being remanded till the 6th April, the defendant in the meanwhile to be placed under observation.

AN instance of the strong love of Chinese for gambling was witnessed last night about seven o'clock on the Recreation Ground. A low small table was covered with what looked like European playing cards. A youthful Chinaman, after shaking a box

with a loud singing voice, to put their money on the cards, an invitation which was pretty eagerly responded to with copper and silver pieces. Then he uncovered the box showing the three dice, and gathered in

or distributed the money accordingly. This he repeated rapidly three or four times, nothing daunted by the presence of two European gentlemen, who were wondering if it was possible that this could be another kind of fortune-telling, for which dozens of

It seemed to them impossible that this should be forbidden gambling in the full glare of three or four candles, whilst police constables were patrolling up and down. All of a sudden, however, the candles were put out, the table with dice cards and

money on it, disappeared as if by magic, the gamblers themselves probably not knowing the reason of the movement, for a row seemed to arise about the money. Immediately afterwards the approaching red turban of a police constable made it clear

even to the unknowing ones, what was the matter.

A EUROPEAN has apparently been brutally murdered here within the last day or two. This afternoon, shortly after five o'clock,

the body of a man—a European—was observed to be floating in the water in front of the Commissariat and Naval yards. A boat, rowed by some 'Buffs,' went off, and picked up the body. It was found to be the corpse of a man, seemingly an Englishman. The body was perfectly fresh.

The body was perfectly nude. In the centre of the forehead there was a bullet wound, and on the crown of the head there was another bullet wound, the appearances indicating that a bullet had struck the man in the forehead and passed out through the top of the head.

of his head. There was also the wound of a stab, about an inch in length, immediately below the right eye, and just over the lip, running in fact from the left nostril to the cheek, there was another wound, about three inches in length. It was a pretty

The body was very little discoloured, excepting around the wounds described, and its general appearance did not indicate that it had been in the water very long.

On one of his arms there was a tattoo mark—a dog pursuing a hare, so that if anything can be ascertained regarding the man, his identification will be easy and certain. He had short brown whiskers round his face, and moustache. His hair was black, his features sharp, and his face

head high. The soldiers landed the body

at the Commissariat Wharf, and it was afterwards removed to the Government Hospital. No one has been reported missing to the Police. It seems pretty certain that a murder has been committed, but whether on the water or on shore is doubtful. The murderer or murderers no doubt took the precaution of stripping the man, so as to destroy all clue to his identity. Deceased appeared to be a man about between 27 and 30 years of age.

Nonon can fairly accuse the English, as a matter of fact, of enterprise. They seem to be embarking in every species of commercial undertaking. The American papers announce that Lord Aylesford has purchased a large bar-room at Big Springs, Texas, and they predict that it will be a profitable addition to a run a lordly saloon.—*Truth*.

Much speculation is rife in naval circles, says the *London Figaro*, as to the delay which is taking place in the filling up of two very important appointments in the Colonies—viz. the naval construction at Bombay and Hongkong dockyards. On the one hand, it is hardly to be expected, however, that a ship will accept a commission, and on the other, a hundred men were coming from the ship to the company's works in a boat, which capsize, precipitating all the occupants into the water. The reason of the boat's overturning does not appear, but the accident was the cause of eleven deaths. The ship, which was at least the number missing at present. Up to the time of going to press this morning eight bodies had been recovered—seven men and a boy.—*Japan Mail*.

A soccer match took place between a team of Policemen and one composed of Sergeants of the general military staff and Royal Engineers on Thursday last, when the Police were defeated by a few points. The following are the scores:—

Police	200 500 600 To goal	200 500 600 To goal
Inspector Quinney	22.15.42.49	22.15.42.49
Sergeant Butler	26.12.23.67	26.12.23.67
Sergeant Mann	27.20.12.59	27.20.12.59
Sergeant McKay	22.13.10.45	22.13.10.45
P. C. McKay	26.15.17.38	26.15.17.38
P. C. Cameron	23.10.20.33	23.10.20.33
Inspector Thomson	26.24.22.72	26.24.22.72

Military	200 500 600 To goal	200 500 600 To goal
Sergeant Sandford	21.26.14.61	21.26.14.61
Q. M. Sergeant Richmond	21.21.12.54	21.21.12.54
Q. M. Sergeant Jones	22.17.23.62	22.17.23.62
Gar. Sgt. Maj. Meredith	22.11.12.49	22.11.12.49
Sergeant Bowring	23.21.22.66	23.21.22.66
Sergeant White	25.21.17.42	25.21.17.42
Sergeant Barclay	24.22.17.43	24.22.17.43

All doubt, says the *Japan Gazette*, as to the condition of the *Sattara* is set at rest by the report of the diver who has carefully examined the vessel as she lies in the harbour. While the purchase has proved in every way satisfactory to the buyers of the wreck, the result of the salvage operations calculated to raise very grave questions in regard to the abandonment of the ship, and to the validity of the claim for constructive total loss which, it may be presumed, has or will be made if the vessel was insured.

To the owners of the *Sattara*.
Gentlemen:—Having, in my report, on your vessel, I beg to make the following report: On starboard and port sides, fore and aft, from water line down to turn of tiller, she is very foul with barnacles. From turn of tiller to keel there is a little patch of scale, and a small patch of barnacles on the side, there is a small piece showing the bare iron.

There is no damage done to her rudder or gudgeons, and her plates and keel are straight, and no sign of a dent or bend in them whatever, and I hereby certify that there is no apparent damage done to ship's bottom that can be seen from the outside.

I am,
Yours truly,
(Signed) G. J. MANABUR, Diver.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held in the Company's Office this forenoon. There were present:—Messrs E. R. Bellios (Chairman), H. Foss, J. A. dos Remedios, Leo Tuck Cheong, and Fung Tang (Directors), and G. von Wille, A. S. Cohen, H. N. Moly, J. T. Chater, J. Y. Vernon, H. Druce, A. G. Morris, Poon Sz Tin, Lee Sow Nam, Kwong Tai Loong, Chan Chow, Yee On, J. Bradlee Smith (Retiring Secretary) and S. G. Gower (New Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, our report and accounts for the last year have been published; and, in comparing them with those of the previous year, you will observe that we have done better of late. Our reserve stands at \$45,000, which makes our stock worth \$200,000, and, in fact, a much higher value than that placed on it in the open market. All our losses held in suspense have been written off, and our securities have been taken at a price that can be realised any day; and it is gratifying to me to be able to say that the business we have undertaken since the beginning of the year is as large and as satisfactory as that we accepted for the same period in any good year. Our report is full in every particular; and the few remarks I have made will, I believe, inspire confidence in our position; and with your support we hope to do well in future. Presuming that there are no

questions to be asked, I beg to propose that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. J. T. Chater seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The election of Messrs Grose and Remedios to the Board of Directors was, on the motion of Mr. Foss, seconded by Mr. Vernon, confirmed unanimously by the meeting.

Mr. Grose proposed, Mr. Morris seconded, and it was resolved, unanimously, that Messrs L. Hauschild and T. Arnold be re-elected Auditors.

The Chairman:—Before we separate, gentlemen, I have to announce to you that our present Secretary, Mr. J. B. Smith, is about to sever his connection with us. After a long residence in China, he goes home to enjoy a quiet retirement. Mr. Gower, who succeeds him, needs no introduction from me. He is an old China hand, and a gentleman well known to you. He will infuse new blood into the management, and we hope will do us well for us. Mr. Smith, who has been a faithful and energetic servant of the Company, takes his leave. In wishing him *bon voyage*, and in order to mark our appreciation of his services, I propose that we hand him a present of \$1,000. (Applause.) It would have been a pleasant duty to me if I could have recommended a larger sum, but under the circumstances, I trust Mr. Smith will accept this as a token of our good wishes for his future success in life.

Mr. Moly:—I have much pleasure in recommending Mr. Gower to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith:—Gentlemen, I beg to thank you very sincerely for your great kindness in making this present.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, that is all the business. We have to thank you for your attendance.

Mr. Chater proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who returned thanks.

The proceedings then terminated.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Stewards: Major E. W. Nash, Lieut. W. H. Connolly, Lieut. C. H. A. Harvey. Starter: Capt. Breckenbury. Judge: Major Nash. Referee: Lieut. Col. G. A. Crawford. Assistant Judge: Lieutenant R. W. Brooks.

These sports were held to-day. The weather was excellent throughout, and the proceedings very enjoyable. During the afternoon the attendance of European and native spectators was very large. The Grand Stand was almost completely filled with ladies, and children, who evidenced the heartiest interest in the various competitions. The arrangements were effective, but the intervals between the various events were often-times rather long and wearisome. A full report of the proceedings is given below.

1.—THROWING THE CHURCH BALL. First prize \$2; second prize \$1.

Entries:—Bombardiers Foster and Blum, and Gunnery Egan, Beach, Ferguson, Lunn, and Alesand Stevenson.

After a warm competition Gunnery Egan won with the very fair throw of 96 yards 2 feet 3 inches. Bombardier Foster was second.

Gunnery Egan 96 yards 2 feet 3 inches. Bombardier Foster 92 yards 1 foot 6 inches.

2.—PUTTING THE SHOT (16 lb. shot). First prize \$2; second prize \$1.

Seven competitors answered to their names, Gunnery McCoy, Egan, Ferguson, Lunn, and McPhillane, Jeunhar Singh and Eas Singh.

Gunnery Egan was again to the front, winning easily with a put of 34 feet 1 inch. McCoy was second with 32 feet 6 inches.

Gunnery Egan 34 feet 1 inch. McCoy 32 feet 6 inches.

3.—BROAD JUMP. First prize \$2; second prize \$1.

Entries:—Gunnery McCoy, Baxter, Egan, Fitzmaurice, Jordan, Pearl and eight Indians.

Several of the Gun Lascars jumped remarkably well and one of them succeeded in making the best jump, 17 feet 3 inches. This was not the good, however, as was done last Saturday, when 18 feet 1 inch was accomplished.

Jowhar Singh, 17 ft. 3 in. Gunner Jordan, 16 ft. 11 in.

4.—HIGH JUMP. First prize \$2; second prize \$1.

Entries:—Gunnery Barber, Power, McPhillane, Edis, Fitzmaurice, Pearl, Egan, and four Lascars.

Only six of the above competed, those being Gunnery Barber and Edis and the four Indians. Jeunhar Singh, cleared the winning height by means of a somersault rather than a jump, but he was disqualified.

Gunnery Edis, who jumped in very good form, ran very close for second.

Vengay, 5 ft. Gunner Barber 4 ft. 11 in. Gunner Edis 4 ft. 11 in.

5.—100 YARDS RACE. First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

Nineteen in all went to the post, eight of whom were Indians.

A very fair start was effected, considering the large field, which would certainly have been better divided, as the men were too crowded to do their best. Barker got the lead about half way and kept it to the end, winning by about half a yard. Time 12 sec.

Gunnery Barker 12 sec. Gunner Powell 13 sec. Bomb. Foster 14 sec.

6.—HURDLE RACE, 120 yards. First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

In this race, eight or nine Britons and four or five Sikhs competed. Gunnery Egan led until half the distance was covered, when he fell, and before he recovered himself, the Indians had come forward. They took all three prizes. Time 20 sec.

Agga Singh 20 sec. Dulla Singh 21 sec. Vengay 22 sec.

7.—QUARTER MILE RACE. First prize \$5; second prize \$3; third prize \$1.

Three of the ten competitors were Indians, but they were not in the race at all.

Gunnery Whitbread ran well, and won easily. Time 68 sec.

Gunnery Whitbread 68 sec. Gunner Barker 69 sec. Gunner Cotton 70 sec.

8.—RACE IN FULL MARCHING ORDER, 100 yards (open to the Garrison). First prize \$5; second prize \$3; third prize \$2.

The competitors in this race were composed of six Artillerymen and four 'Buffa'. Each man was dressed in regimental uniform and boots, and his knapsack and other accoutrements weighed 36 lbs. For a while it looked as if the Buffs were to carry off all three prizes, but when nearing the end one of the big artillerymen came thundering on and took third place. Drum-major Gleeson and Lance Corp. Withers led in first and second, places all the way.

Drum-major Gleeson 1 sec. Lance Corp. Withers 2 sec. Gunner Pope 3 sec.

9.—SERGEANTS' AND STAFF SERGEANTS' R.A., 100 yards, Cup presented by Members of the Hongkong Club.

There were only three runners in this race, and they came in in the order given below. Time 11 sec.

Sergeant Houghton 1 sec. Sergeant Mevin 2 sec. Sergeant Savage 3 sec.

10.—VOLUNTEER'S RACE, Prizes by Officers, R.A.

This event, which was really a match between the two batteries of our Volunteer Artillery in gun drill, was effected in two heats, and showed that the men were well up to their drill, the movements being very smartly executed. The race was to go through these evolutions first.—Double 50 yards, action rear, dismount gun and carriage, mount gun and carriage, fire one round friction tube, front limber up. The time taken by the winners was 2 min. 13 sec. and 2 min. 9 sec. is considered first class military time, they may certainly be congratulated on the time.

11.—HEAT, 1st sub-division. B Battery 2nd " 1st " A " Final " 2nd " B "

12.—SKID AND HANDSPIKE RACE, 100 yards. First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

In this race the men had to carry on their shoulder, or as they chose, a skid and handspike weighing together at least 70 lbs. The time of the winner was pretty good considering the weight he had to carry, 15 sec.

Gunnery Egan 15 sec. Gunner Power 16 sec. Gunner Pope 17 sec.

13.—HALF MILE RACE (open to the Garrison). First prize \$5; second prize \$3; third prize \$1.

About a dozen men competed. Dr. Piko offered an additional prize to the first man if he covered the distance in 2 mins. 10 sec.

Gunnery Whitbread led all the way. He was closely followed for more than the first half of the distance by Drum-major Gleeson, who retired at this point. He was unable to win the extra prize. He was able, however, to carry off the first prize easily. Time, 2 mins. 13 sec.

Gunnery Whitbread 2 mins. 13 sec. Private Harman (Buffs) 2 mins. 14 sec. Lance Corp. Adams (Buffs) 2 mins. 15 sec.

14.—ONE MILE RACE. First prize \$5; second prize \$3; third prize \$1.

Four Gunnery of the Royal Artillery and two Lascars started.

During the first time round the course, Whitbread got to the front with one of the Indians close up. In the next lap he got a clear lead of some yards and kept this till near the end, when Cotton spurred gamely and got up to be a leader for a short distance. Whitbread soon regained his lead, however, and came in a winner by some twenty yards. Two of the starters dropped out of the race on the second round. Time, 5 min. 40 sec.

Gunnery Whitbread 5 min. 40 sec. Gunner Cotton 5 min. 45 sec.

15.—VETERAN'S RACE, 100 yards, 1 yard for every year over 12 years service. First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

Only three veterans came to the post, viz Gunnery Beach and Gunnery and Sergeant Melvin. After a fair start Beach drew ahead and won a good race by about a foot. Time 12 sec.

Gunnery Beach 12 sec. Dr. Gunnery 13 sec.

16.—OBSTACLE RACE (open to the Garrison). First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

Ten men started for this race, which was open to the whole Garrison. The obstacles consisted of inclined sled, well greased, barrels, hurdles, &c. &c., and the efforts of the competitors to get over their difficulties first caused much amusement to the spectators. Hayden, who came in second set himself rather more to do than was necessary, or he would probably have won the race.

Gunnery Brahman 1 sec. Gunnery Hayden 2 sec. Lance Corp. Wilkins (The Buffs) 3 sec.

17.—100 YARD RACE (open to seamen and marines & H. M. Fleet). First prize \$4; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

Only three men started for this race, which was won by a member of 'The Buffs'.

Bradley, H. M. S. Audacious 1 sec. Brahman 2 sec. Hayden 3 sec.

18.—CONSOLATION RACE, 300 yards. First prize \$3; second prize \$2; third prize \$1.

Six men faced the starter for this event, which was won by a member of 'The Buffs'.

Time not taken. Pto. Green (The Buffs) 1 sec. Gunnery Stevenson 2 sec. Pto. Karsel (The Buffs) 3 sec.

RACE FOR BANDSIEN.

This event was not in the programme, but was got-up on the spot. Twelve bandmen of 'The Buffs' entered and a good race ensued, over the 100 yards course.

Bandman Cook 1 sec. Bandman Hodges 2 sec. Bandman Friend 3 sec.

TOSS OF WAR.

1.—MARRIED AND UNMARRIED Officers of the Garrison.

The single men had by far the heaviest team, and though the Benedicts made a valiant stand for a short time they were obliged in the end to give way to superior weight. The tug lasted about ten minutes.

2.—OFFICERS ARMY & NAVY against Members Hongkong and German Clubs.

This was naturally one of the most interesting events of the day and caused considerable excitement. The two teams appeared at first to be pretty evenly matched and nearly two minutes elapsed before either side gained any decided advantage. Then however the Clubs began to gain ground, and after a good pull of about three minutes succeeded in winning the tug.

3.—SIKHS, CHINA GUN LASCARS against Sikh Police (prize presented by Capt. Breckenbury).

Two strong teams appeared to do battle for their respective sides, but from want of previous coaching neither of them utilized their full strength. The Sikhs of the Police at first looked like winners, but were obliged to yield to the steady pull of their military fellow countrymen.

4.—OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

This competition brought forth four teams; one each from 'The Buffs', the Royal Artillery, the Marines and the Police.

The first heat, between 'The Buffs' and the Artillery, resulted in a rather easy win for the Regiment. The second match, between the Police team and the Marines and Marine Artillery, the same that competed last Saturday, was a long and well contested one, ending in a victory for the Police. The final match between the Police and Regimental teams was postponed until further notice.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From our Correspondent.)
London, Feb. 21st.

The Queen's New Book is out and very copious extracts have been published in the dailies showing what close details of her daily life. Her Majesty has deigned to place before her loyal subjects. To read the book is to gain an insight into the true womanly character of the highest lady in the land. It is dedicated to John Brown and other loyal Highlanders and well does her Majesty cherish the memory of her devoted servant.

The International Peasant Festival and Dramatic Fete is being held at the Royal Albert Hall. Beauty and fashion in peasant garb combine in the sale of frivolities and refreshments, while dramatic entertainments, recitations, tableaux, concerts, and musical selections are provided to pass the happy hours away. Lady Churchill, Gladys, Lady Lonsdale, Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Mary Anderson, Viscountess Maudslayi are taking various departments, and through the extensive photography of the present day are well known, and will doubtless prove more attractive than the sweetest sonnets provided.

From Australia comes the intelligence that the system of providing good baths for cricketers is in great force there. The best of the Victoria cricketers have been given insufficient inducement to locate themselves at Melbourne and this is giving a great impetus to the noble game in the Antipodes.

All London is talking of the Garroyle Fortescue affair. We are told that the matter will be laid at £5,000. This is absurd; no jury would ever think of such an amount or anything near to it. It is a good thing in such cases to ask for double what is expected, but I find four other men beat each a bottle of champagne that the young lady will get no more than £5,000. Possibly we shall lose, but there is this satisfaction in betting in this kind—if you lose a fair share of the stake falls to your lot. I commend this form of wagering to my readers. It has advantages. So far from her prospects in the theatre world having been injured her attraction has been enhanced, at least that is the opinion of no less than four London managers. I doubt if she will again appear on the stage before the trial and verdict are up. Just as it is and when she does re-appear she will doubtless be shown much sympathy.

Where will rapid communication cease? I sat in a club house in Regent St. with the telephone tape in my hand reading at 8.17 what was being said in the House at 8.10. It is better to be an old man's darling than a young man's slave is typified by a recent statistic of divorces. It is shown that where the husband is five to twenty-five years older than his wife the number of divorces amounts to 184 in the 1000, when he is over twenty-five her senior they drop to one per cent.

Hunting in Ireland has received many checks of late. On Saturday morning eleven of the Tipperary foxhounds were found lying dead in the kennels and four more were suffering from effects of poison. It's a "foine country."

The late failure on the Stock Exchange for £800,000 has been a great blow to that institution. Times are very bad, business is almost at a standstill and the facilities which bankers gave have been still further curtailed by the heavy losses which have fallen on the banks. Whiskey, the culprit, has got clean away and has not gone away empty handed. The brokerage business of the firm even in the bad times was worth £10,000 a year, the connection being one of the best in the City.

Baccarat playing has received a blow which will cause the pursuit of this pleasant pastime to be carried on *ad nauseam* in future. The police invaded the Park Club on a certain evening, the result of which was that Mr. Jenkins the proprietor, Mr. J. C. Williams, Sir Charles Cunningham, Mr. Coleman (famously known as Fatty Coleman), Mr. Franklin, members of the committee, Messrs. Fitch, Nesbitt and Hayes, members, found themselves at Bow Street for illegal gaming. It was shown that there were 1,200 cards, and 1,200 cards were supplied at most trivial prices, while the gain from keeping the bank must be too long, twelve or many thousands per annum. The case was given against them and the proprietor and three members of the committee were fined £500 each while the three members had to pay £100 each.

When the Duke of Albany was leaving the Butchers Hall at Dorset, some person in the crowd threw a quart of beer over him. A portion of the liquid only touched the Duke's coat, and he was not hurt. Marian, the eight-foot-two giantess who tottered through the park as Queen of the Amazons at the Alhambra, before it was burnt to the ground—Marian is dead. A funny friend of mine remarked she lived too long.

Not a word is now said of the white elephant. Our best impressions were rudely shattered when the boat came within measurable distance. Whopping an elephant of ivory tusks seemed not right and proper, the whoppers being of a dusky hue, but one and all refused to accept the fraud and the elephant house at the Zoo has not been inconveniently crowded.

There is a curious tricycle to be seen in some numbers in the streets of London. The daily papers have been for some length of time past, and the traffic will suffer no very little interruption. I should be very sorry, indeed, to see the Tower any more than it is, and there are many others who agree with me. Trusting you will give publicity to my oft-repeated plea.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,
LEWIS STAND.

AMOI.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ended on the 20th March:—

Sophie, 5,300 piculs, Taiwanfo to Chefoo, 14 days, \$1,350.
Edgar, 9,000 piculs, (at Shanghai) Newchwang to Amoy, 20 days, 25 cents per picul.

Magenta, 8,000 piculs, Taiwanfo to Chefoo and back to Amoy, 28 days, \$3,000.

Sin Kolya, 14,000 piculs, (at Shanghai) Chefoo to Amoy, 22 days, 17 cents per picul.

Pellam, 7,300 piculs, (at Shanghai) Taiwanfo to Chefoo and back to Amoy, 26 days, \$2,300.

Augusta, Taiwanfo, to Tientsin, 50 cents per picul of sugar.

Maria, 11,800 piculs, Takao to Yokohama, 30 days, 24 cents per picul.

Peter, 7,000 piculs, Takao, Kobe, Takao Yokohama, 44 days, 55 cents per picul.

Sibirien, 8,500 piculs, Taiwanfo, Chefoo and Amoy, 15 days, \$3,200.

Louis, 5,000 piculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 18 days, 24 cents.

Poochow.

As an illustration of the regardlessness of the Chinese for their female offspring, a child of tender years was observed to fall from a sampan into the river on Saturday last, when no attempt whatever was made to effect a rescue. The infant, however, fortunately became entangled in the coverings of a broken sloop, which, whilst drifting down the river, was picked up by the crew of another boat, and the child restored to its parents who, as is customary, administered a sound flogging to the semi-drowned child.

The theory held by the natives is, that by preserving a fellow creature from a watery grave, the rescuer is answerable in the next world for all the sins afterwards committed by the person rescued; which literally means that a wise dispensation of Providence has been frustrated.

The Chinese are evidently more than usually on the qui vive at the present critical juncture. Only a short time ago we learnt that a census was being taken by the Chinese Authorities of those natives professing Christianity, but with this object was in a perfect state of ignorance. We are now informed, upon good authority, that a few days ago four Native Pilots were summoned to their religious persuasion, as about seventy per cent of the native boatmen at the Anhore profess the Christian faith.

The representatives of the pilot fraternity upon replying that they still retained their ideals, were then informed that they would be allowed to continue to follow their vocation, but upon the strict understanding that they were not to render assistance to either French or Russian vessels entering the port, upon pain of death, and were then allowed to depart. It appears to be the general impression among the Chinese Authorities that Russia has similar hostile intentions towards China as France, and is equally dreaded as a belligerent Power.—*Poochow Herald*.

SAD DEATH OF A NAGASAKI PILOT.

The Nagasaki Rising Sun reports an inquest held at Nagasaki concerning the death of John White, a pilot and an old resident in Nagasaki. The inquest was held on the 18th March at the British Consulate at Nagasaki, and the following evidence was taken:—

W. Renwick, day sworn: I have been the medical attendant of the deceased for five or six years. He was suffering from a chronic disease of the heart with probability of moriturus, so much so that I advised him to leave off his mode of earning a livelihood and take to a more quiet occupation. I have no doubt the disease he was suffering from would hasten death in the event of exposure.

George E. Hawkins, day sworn: I am Captain of the American barque B.E. Watson. Yesterday afternoon I saw a pilot boat full of water, with men in; about ten miles outside of the lighthouse. I ran down to her and saw as possible. It was blowing hard and there was a heavy sea. The mate, Mr. Templeton, volunteered to go in the ship's boat. He made three trips. The sea was so rough that he could not bring more than two at a time in the boat. The first two trips he brought two Japanese each and the third trip he brought a European in a complete state of exhaustion. We got him on board and did all we could to restore him. He was alive, but not able to speak. We had to hoist him on board. We worked at him for half an hour, but there was no sign of life. It was very dangerous to put off to the assistance. The boat was not left upwards. The Japanese who was left for the third trip had disappeared when they came back. The ship was about a mile distant from the lighthouse. The first time the mate went, two of the Japanese jumped overboard and

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To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

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